

## News Release

# Musical-Comedy "Dracula, the Musical?" to be Performed at the U of M Crookston in February

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The hilarious spoof based on everyone's favorite vampire, "Dracula, the Musical?" will be performed by the Theater and Music Department at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. The musical-comedy, by Rick Abbott , is under the student direction of Freshman Beth Motley, an equine science major from Vadnais Heights, Minn. The play will be performed on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, February 18-19 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, February 20 at 3:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.



Admission for the performance is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$2 for U of M, Crookston students. The Wednesday evening performance is free for all U of M, Crookston students. A light chili supper will be served after the Sunday performance for a free-will donation.



Motley directs the 8 member cast of the play set in 19th Century England. It centers on a madhouse run by Dr. Seward whose new neighbor is Dracula, the Hungarian Count with designs on the doctor's daughter. Associate Professor George French of the Music and Theater Department on the Crookston campus plays the piano accompaniment. Costumes for the production were made by Andrea Thibert from Red Lake Falls, Minn.

The cast includes Austin Czichotzki, a junior communication major from Barnesville, Minn.; Matthew Green, a junior ag systems management and agronomy major from Greenbush, Minn.; Joe Harren, a senior agronomy major from Eagle Bend, Minn.; Bethany Jenkins, a sophomore horticulture major from Grand Forks, N.D.; Daniel Kuske, a senior natural resources major from Belle Plaine, Minn.; Hionia Kutsev, a freshman health management major from Erskine, Minn.; Liz Massie, a freshman equine science major from Eagan, Minn.; Chelsey Wells, a senior equine science and animal science major from Paris, Mich.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,400 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit [www.umn-crookston.edu](http://www.umn-crookston.edu).

In the photo

at top right. Front row:Standing (l to r): Beth Motley, Joe Harren, Matthew Green, Chelsey Wells, andAustin Czichotzki. Seated: Hoinia Kustevand Liz Massie. Standing front, right: Bethany Jenkins and Daniel Kuske.

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